

FEW MINES IDLE TODAY IN REGION; CARS PLENTIFUL

Sufficient Cars to Supply Demand Available on Monongah Division.

COAL PRICES POOR

184 Cars Loaded in Northern West Virginia on Last Saturday.

With the beginning of a new week the coal supply in Northern West Virginia is better than it has been for a long time and just a trifle better than it was last week.

The five divisions, the principal ones from the viewpoint of production, are averaging 61 per cent today. While, according to mining figures, the mines of the Monongah Division, B. & O., have a 62 per cent, the placement at practically all the divisions is at least even.

Along the Western Maryland railway today the operations have a 76 per cent run of empty cars. The Monongahela has a 60 per cent run and mines on the M. & W. have a 67 per cent supply. The Charleston Division, which has a 32 per cent of empties, in the Pennsylvania end of the Monongahela has a 61 per cent.

As customary on Monday the market is slow getting started. Indications were that the price had not stiffened very much and the market is expected to wither in the neighborhood of \$2.35 a ton. The market has been a little stronger. There has been a general influx of business into the coal regions. Operators for some weeks have been trying to get out contracts in order to get them over the expected slump in the coal industry.

Divisional Placements

Empty cars on the Monongah Division number 1,938, of which 1,800 are placed at 7 o'clock, while 1,765 were ordered. There were 219 cars reported to be at work to-day.

Along the Western Maryland railway there were 193 empties placed today. Plants on the Monongahela had 45 empties, while 47 were ordered. Along the M. & W. there were 517 ordered, while 49 were placed. Coal mines along the Monongahela Railway in Pennsylvania today received 337 empties, while 325 were ordered. Hamilton Division mines had an early morning placement of 107 with 18 ordered. Sixty-seven mines are reported to be idle.

Saturday's Loading

Coal production at the mines in Northern West Virginia on Saturday was 17,844 cars. The placement was 17,844 cars. The Monongahela, 65 cars; Connelville, 10 cars; Cumberland, 9 cars; Monongahela, 237 cars; M. & W., 79 cars; M. & W., 233 cars; W. M. B. & W., 74 cars; B. & O., 51 cars.

Operations on the Monongahela Railway in Pennsylvania on Saturday produced sixty cars of coal. Plants on the southern end of the Charleston Division, B. & O., Saturday loaded eleven cars of coal.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—Frederick Bywaters and Mrs. Edith Thompson were found guilty of the murder of Percy Thompson, a jury in Old Bailey today, and both were immediately sentenced to death.

Subscription Payments Accepted Until Nine Tonight

You will save the usual substantial discount if you pay November statement not later than 9 O'CLOCK TONIGHT.

Circulation department will be open until 9 o'clock.

The West Virginian

ALLIED PREMIERS DISAGREE ON REPARATIONS QUESTION

SCHOOL CHILDREN MAKING 4-MINUTE TALKS AT SHOWS

Speeches and Film of Christy Mathewson to Help in Sale of Seals.

Christy Mathewson in "Matty Wins His Greatest Game" is being shown in the Blue Ridge Theater this afternoon and evening, and all week four minute talks will be made three times daily in the theaters of the city by the students of the grade schools, in connection with the sale of tuberculous Christmas seals.

Last week the stamps were sold at booths stationed in different parts of the city, and were mailed out to business men and firms, and the returns from these sources totaled \$800.

The children of the various schools who are making the speeches are:

Barnes School—Miss Virginia Douglas, Miss Edith Robinson, Floyd Corroll, Fleming Bennett, Oliver Loughlin and Richard Pitzer.

Butcher School—Miss Virginia Wilson, Miss Helen Haggerty, Miss Helen Wilson, Miss Margaret Linn Hamilton, Miss Jane Morgan, Miss Odie Riggs, Miss Ruth Reed, Miss Marion Stearns, Jerome Gordon, Willard Simpson, Robert Deusch, and Billy Kirschman.

Miss School—Miss Vera Taylor, Miss Genevieve, Miss Bertha Pinoccolo, Frances Haney, James Wagner, Joe Mallamo, Caroline Smith and George Thomas Evans.

White School—Miss Margaret Fletcher, Miss Jane Miller, Miss Mary Frances Riheladfer, Miss Dorothy Collins, Milly Harned and Charles Farnsworth.

Central School—Miss Katherine Justice, Miss Ruth Morris, Miss Mildred Adams, Miss Sara Springer, Miss Sara Hale, Miss Mary McKain, Miss Mary Zinn, Willard Scott and Kenneth Stiles.

East Park School—Miss Betty Brooks Harr, Miss Catherine Potman, Miss Mary Elizabeth Smith, Charles Albert Phillips, George Moore and Raymond DeVault.

In the picture which is being shown at the Blue Ridge Theater, Mr. Mathewson appears at his best in baseball at the Polo Grounds in New York, later in his overseas uniform, and it then takes him to the period when he was battling for his life against tuberculosis. The last scene shows (Continued on page three)

AGED WOMAN BREAKS NECK ON STAIRWAY

CUMBERLAND, Md. Dec. 11.—Mrs. Elizabeth Linticum, aged 73, wife of Morgan Linticum, was found at the foot of the stairway at her home at Keyser, W. Va., with her neck broken early today. Mr. Linticum sat up nearly all night, awaiting the return of his wife. She had attended church services and after visiting one of her children, returned to her apartment about 11 o'clock. She entered the room where Mr. Linticum was sitting and then fell, evidently to see if she had closed the door at the foot of the stairs. It is thought that she then tripped and fell. She did not return and Mr. Linticum thought she had gone over to the home of one of her children. Mr. and Mrs. Linticum were married fifty-five years. A son died five weeks ago last night at Weston, W. Va. Two sons and two daughters survive. Mrs. Linticum was a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

EXPORTS INCREASE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—In creased exports during October, well distributed among most of the countries of the world, are shown in figures made public today by the Department of Commerce.

Great Britain again was the heaviest purchaser of American products, taking exports valued at \$33,328,454 as compared with \$20,852,510 for the preceding month.

TAXI

All new closed cars.
FRED'S TAXI COMPANY
305 Madison Street
Phone 131

Building For Sale

Bids will be received until January 12, 1922 for Old School Building at Edgemont.

Board of Education Fairmont District.

OTIS H. MILAN, Sec.,
Barrackville, W. Va.

Weather Drops to 17 Degrees Above Zero at Thomas

CUMBERLAND, Dec. 11.—The coldest weather of the winter was experienced this morning, dropping to 15 above zero at La Vale, a suburb. At Thomas, W. Va., it was 17 above. The Potomac River was coated with ice. Several inches of snow are reported at some points.

COAL PRODUCTION DROPS LAST WEEK

Mines on Western Maryland Receive Best Supply of Cars During Week.

Coal loading in Northern West Virginia last week dropped 1,500 tons. There were 534,900 tons of coal produced last week against 536,400 tons the previous week.

Production off the various divisions last week was as follows: B. & O., Monongah, 292,600 tons; Connelville, 8,550 tons; Cumberland, 45,550 tons; Monongahela, 56,700 tons; M. & W., 60,700 tons; W. M. B. & W., 21,000 tons; W. B. & H. R., 26,750 tons.

Weekly car supply last week in Northern West Virginia averaged 37.8 per cent on the nine divisions. The car supply averaged as follows on the various divisions: B. & O., Monongah, 41.1; Charleston, 24.1 per cent; Connelville, 29.4 per cent; Cumberland, 40.8 per cent; Monongahela, 27.6 per cent; M. & W., 39.1 per cent; W. M. B. & W., 74.6 per cent; B. & W., 31.2 per cent.

In Washington, C. H. Jones, vice president of the Hutchinson Coal Co., is attending a meeting of the railroad relations committee of the National Coal Association in Washington, D. C. today. Mine raters, distribution rules and other matters will be discussed by the committee.

On Wednesday the Interstate Commerce Commission will hear the mine rate case. It is possible that George S. Brackett, secretary of the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators Association, will be one of the witnesses.

U. M. W. of A. Notes.

James McCleary, district organizer, is in Morgantown today. Nick Aiello, president of sub district 4, and Frank McCartney, district board member, are in the Clarksburg field.

Patrick Buckley, vice president of sub district 4, is near Shinnston today.

Eastern Loading.

The bulk of the coal continues to move east. The various divisions day out of the 1,784 cars loaded. Eastern coal loading was as follows: B. & O., Monongah, 743 cars; Charleston, 19 cars; Connelville, 10 cars; Cumberland, 22 cars; M. & W., 79 cars; M. & W., 123 cars; W. M. B. & W., 24 cars; W. B. & H. R., 51 cars. To the west off the Monongah Division there were 147 cars loaded, while seven went west off the Charleston Division and eight off the B. & W. branch.

Coke Production.

Coke production in Northern West Virginia on Saturday aggregated 67 cars. Of that 33 cars were (Continued on page four.)

CITY BOARD HOLDS BUT SHORT SESSION

One of the briefest sessions ever held by the City Board of Directors took place this morning when the members of the board convened for their weekly meeting. It was over in less than thirty minutes. Mayor W. W. Conaway was not present, owing to the fact that Mrs. Conaway and her daughter, Mary Jo, are ill with diphtheria.

City Engineer Shreveberry Miller will report next week on the matter of a culvert for the water lines under the Baltimore & Ohio tracks at the city pump station.

Mrs. Frank Stansbury appeared to ask for some repairs to be made on Gladden street. Director W. E. Arnett said he would take the matter up in the near future.

The request of J. M. Hartley & Sons Co. to build a passageway between the Jacobs Building and the Jacobs-Hutchinson Building was turned over to Director W. E. Arnett, City Clerk Albert Kern and City Engineer Shreveberry Miller with power to act after investigation.

Three building permits were granted as follows:

A. B. Scott, residence in Hillcrest Addition, to be of stucco construction; cost \$7,000.

W. L. Carpenter, a business building in the Speedway, to be built of lumber; cost \$500.

W. E. Cornell, garage and apartment in Virginia avenue, to be built of concrete blocks; cost \$11,200.

BELLAIRE BARBER FACES TRIAL TODAY

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1,500 JOIN POSSE AFTER NEGRO WHO ASSAULTED GIRL

Suspected Assailant Captured But Not Identified—Bloodhounds to Take Trail.

FAIRFIELD, Tex., Dec. 11.—A negro, believed to have attacked a white girl at her home at Streetman this morning, has been captured by a posse, but has not yet been identified, according to reports here. Excitement is high and hundreds of persons are hurrying toward Streetman.

The girl, who positively identified the negro, who gave his name as George Gay, as her assailant, and he was locked up in a small house under heavy guard pending arrival of bloodhounds from Huntsville. The girl's condition is not serious, the negro having been frightened away after throwing a sack over her head and stuffing her mouth full of cotton.

A mob of about 1,500 is gathered at Streetman.

Streets Filled with Men

CORSCIANA, Tex., Dec. 11.—Bloodhounds are being hurried from Huntsville to Streetman to take up the trail of a masked negro who attacked a 20 year old white girl at her home at Streetman this morning. Excitement is high at Streetman, and the streets and surrounding country are filled with armed men.

Business Houses Close

FAIRFIELD, Tex., Dec. 11.—Business houses in Streetman, a town twenty miles northwest of here, were closed this morning while their proprietors and employees joined the posses organized following the report that a negro had attacked a white girl. Fairview County, in which Streetman is located, has been the scene of at least three lynchings in the past few months.

LOCAL PEOPLE TO ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Showalter, Mrs. E. M. Showalter and sons, Brock and Emmett, and Howard Showalter, the latter of Morgantown, will leave here in the morning in automobiles for Smithfield, Pa., where they will attend the funeral of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Showalter, parents of Judge E. M. and Howard Showalter of this city, whose deaths occurred last week at their home in Kansas City, Mo.

The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Showalter will arrive at Smithfield tomorrow morning and will be accompanied there by Judge E. M. Showalter of this city, H. A. M. Showalter of Morgantown and P. H. Showalter of Denver, Colo., all of whom were at their parents' bedside for several weeks, and by Mrs. Ford Rogers, daughter of Kansas City, Mo.

The funeral will take place at 1:30 o'clock tomorrow from the Baptist Church at Smithfield, and burial will be made in the cemetery there, where three generations of the family are buried.

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FIRST SHOPLIFTER OF SEASON CAUGHT

Negro Who Stole Pocketbook in Fortney's Drug Store in Jail.

Shoplifters planning to work in this city during the Christmas holidays in local stores are in for a tough time as all the merchants of the city are planning to make a concentrated effort to apprehend and punish to the fullest extent all persons caught stealing anything in any of the stores.

The first catch under this plan was made last night when Robert Prince, a negro, was apprehended in Fortney's Drug Store in Madison street. Prince was detained by Mr. Fortney until City Policeman Jones was summoned and took Prince to the city lockup, where he was kept until this morning.

Today Mr. Fortney appeared before Prosecuting Attorney Frank R. Amos and lodged a complaint against Prince. He was turned over to the county by the city and was fined \$25 and sentenced to thirty days in the county jail.

E. L. Fortney, proprietor of the store, in telling about catching Prince, today said that a little after 7 o'clock two colored people came into the store and wanted to see some goods in the rear. Mr. Fortney went back to show the goods to them. Prince then entered the store and asked the girl behind the soda fountain for a quart of ice cream. While the girl was dipping out the ice cream, Prince slipped to the other side of the store, picked up a leather pocketbook from off a display rack and hid it under his coat. When the girl had his ice cream ready, he began an argument by saying that he wanted only 25 cents worth of ice cream instead of a quart. This was given to him, but his peculiar actions had been watched by another employee of the store who was standing in the front of the room.

This employee called Mr. Fortney and told him that she thought the negro had something under his coat. They approached him and the employee pulled back Prince's coat, showing the pocketbook. Mr. Fortney seized the man, while the employee called a policeman, who arrested Prince and placed him in the city jail.

BELLVIEW MEN DRAW \$25 FINE

Plead Guilty to Three Charges at Today's Session of Police Court.

City Director W. E. Arnett presided over a busy session of police court this morning in the absence of Mayor W. W. Conaway, who is quarantined in his home on account of illness in his family. A number of important arrests were made by the police over the week-end, and all of the cases were disposed of today.

James Ballardina, wanted in Masontown for robbing the Coffman & Fisher Co. store on Thanksgiving night, was arrested in Water street Saturday afternoon by Policeman Porter. Today he was turned over to H. W. Barker, a special officer sent here from Masontown, and P. H. Cornelius, manager of the store robbed, who came here to identify some of the stolen property, which was found in Ballardina's possession when arrested.

The Masontown men left on an early afternoon train with the prisoner Ballardina, who is being pending the action of the next Preston County Criminal Court grand jury.

Robert Prince, a negro charged with stealing a leather pocketbook from Fortney's Drug Store in Madison Street last night, was turned over to the county for prosecution on the charge. Prince was arrested by Policeman Fred Jones at 7:30 last evening after he had been caught in the act of stealing the pocketbook.

John and Charles Yost, brothers of Bellview, who were arrested by Policemen Jones, Hawkins and Boggs in Pennsylvania avenue last night after complaint had been made by residents of that street that the men were drunk and disorderly in the street, resisted arrest and fought the arresting officers.

When arraigned in court today they admitted their guilt and entered pleas of guilty to charges of being intoxicated in the street, acting in a disorderly manner in the street and to resisting arrest. Acting Mayor Arnett imposed a \$5 fine on each for being intoxicated, a \$10 fine for being disorderly, and a \$10 fine for resisting arrest in addition to the \$25 fines in each case, \$2 costs were placed against the men. The officers had to hire a taxi to bring the men to the city jail and this (Continued on page four.)

POLITICAL POWER OF FARMERS AND LABOR INCREASES

Credit for Upsets in Recent Election Claimed by New Combine.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—Farmers and labor have discovered their joint power through the primary and there is now hope that our political and industrial future is safer than it ever was before. William H. Johnston, international president of the Machinists' Union, declared here today in opening the conference for progressive political action over which he is presiding.

"Our first experiment is ended and our first preliminary skirmish on behalf of equal and exact justice has come to a close," President Johnston declared, summarizing the recent elections.

"Through you, as a result of the efforts made by your associates and neighbors at home, the American people have spoken most emphatically."

"On November 7 the stoned wrath of the people was let loose against the so-called captains of industry, the free booters, profiteers, plunderers and political puppets of the discredited Harding administration."

"On that day American citizens voted more intelligently than they ever did before. They voted with rage discrimination and magnificence independence and they brandished the big stick of outraged indignation, and they used it that day most effectively, so thoroughly in fact, that the predatory interests in and out of the present administration are still trembling with pain from the wallop they got and they are quivering with fear as to what is likely to happen to them when the voting intelligence and independence of the people develops in every executive and judicial district of our land."

"You showed them how helpless they were and how ineffective their ballots were on election day if they had no choice between two evils. The first place to make a choice is at the primaries. You have exposed the greatest iniquity of the sleight of hand shell game in American politics, whereby candidates on both major party tickets have heretofore been handpicked by the predatory un-American corporate interests."

"A very deliberate and dishonest propaganda of partisanship and prejudice has been kept in circulation to foster mistrust among the farm workers as against the city workers. Fortunately this has been broken and we now see each other more clearly. We laboring people (Continued on page four.)

Mercury Falls to 19 Above Sunday; Warmer Today

Fairmont enjoyed the first real cold snap of the season yesterday, the mercury dropping to 19 above zero yesterday morning, according to Creed Bolyard, official weatherman.

The maximum yesterday was 36 above. The temperature at 8 o'clock this morning was 23 above, but at 2 o'clock this afternoon it had gone to 60 above.

A heavy snow fell late Saturday night, the first real snowstorm of the season. It held well yesterday, but the warm rays of the sun today cut it down rapidly.

Children who were hoping to have a period of snow sledding were disappointed in the turn in the weather today but contented themselves with rolling large snowballs or building snowmen near their homes.

"Hope it is like this Christmas Day," was the general comment passed by citizens Sunday as they waded through the snow. A "green" Christmas is looked upon with superstition in this section.

JURY FINDS FOR SNIDER HEIRS IN BIG DAMAGE SUIT

Trial Jury Announces Verdict at 2:15—Case Will Be Taken to Next Court.

"We, the jury, find for the defendant, C. F. Crane, foreman." These seven words, read by Clerk L. A. Cather of the Marion County Circuit Court in open court at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon, ended one of the largest and hardest fought cases that has been tried in the court in years. This was the verdict in the \$35,000 damage suit of Nathan J. Hancock vs. Edith Snider, executrix of the last will and testament of D. N. Snider, deceased.

The case was started Wednesday morning, November 29, and the case was given to the jury at 4 o'clock last Friday afternoon. The jury had been considering the evidence ever since that time until the verdict was announced this afternoon.

One of the leading attorneys of the Marion County Bar Association were interested in the case, and more than 100 witnesses, including experts on hand writing from Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newark, N. J., and Pittsburgh were heard by Judge W. S. Meredith and the jury during the nine days of the trial.

The taking of testimony in the case of R. L. Cunningham vs. Charles E. Manley was halted by Judge Meredith as the jury filed into the court room at 2:15 o'clock and after the clerk called the jury and all answered present the foreman handed the verdict to Clerk Cather, who was instructed by the court to read the verdict. It prevailed throughout the court room while Clerk Cather read the seven words which meant so much to all concerned.

Attorney Harry Shaw and Attorneys W. S. and Frank Hammond, who were interested in the note case, are also attorneys in the present case. Judge Meredith ordered the attorneys to go ahead with the Cunningham vs. Manley case just as soon as he had finished thanking the jury for its service in the note case. Judge Meredith also gave the jurors a day off in consideration of their long service on the one case.

Attorney L. C. Musgrave of counsel for the plaintiff in the note case, announced when he arrived at the court room shortly after the verdict had been read that the attorneys for the plaintiff would enter a motion asking the court to set aside the verdict of the jury and grant a new trial in the case. If this method does not bring results, it is almost a foregone conclusion that the case will be taken to the State Supreme Court. Attorney Tusca Morris of counsel for the defendant (Continued on page three.)

FARMERS AFFECTED BY FOREIGN MARKET

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Shrinkage of foreign markets affects the farmers' credit more than anything else and there is nothing of greater moment than creation of international relations that will be precedent to the reestablishment of those markets, said Bernard M. Baruch, in an address today before the American Farm Bureau Federation.

"Surplus finally determines the price of products," he said, "and farmers are the real exporters. If you cannot sell your surplus abroad you must take a lower price for that portion of the produce consumed here."

"The basis for increased marketing credits should be the placing of the products in a warehouse, where the grade would be registered and the amount, insuring the farmer a certificate which could be taken to a bank or to a new finance corporation which should be created to lend to the farmer upon his not secured by the certificate."

"The new institution, independent of the present banking system, would place the farmer's note in its treasury, and issue its own obligations, which would be discountable in the federal reserve system."

McNEELY TRIAL WEDNESDAY

John McNeely of East Side will be tried by Magistrate M. R. Musgrave court Wednesday on a warrant charging him with assaulting and beating Audrey McNeely. McNeely was arrested Saturday afternoon by Constable C. L. Hawkins but was not ready for trial when arraigned after being arrested. He gave bond for his appearance Wednesday to answer to the charge and was released.

TO FLOAT BIG LOAN.

THE HAQUE, Dec. 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Netherlands government plans to float soon a large loan, which will be placed largely in the United States for the purpose, with other credits, of consolidating the nation's floating debt of about \$4,000,000,000.

MEETING BREAKS UP WITH FRANCE FIRM ON DEMAND

British Public Opinion Opposed to Military Measures Against Germany.

OCCUPATION PLANNED

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LONDON, Dec. 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—The conference of Allied premiers, called to arrange the basis for an Allied financial and reparations conference in Brussels, has broken down. It was announced this evening that the premiers had taken adjournment until January 2.

The British cabinet rejected the measures of France for the Ruhr district, upon which Premier Poincare insisted.

Prime Minister Bonar Law informed Premier Poincare that British public opinion was overwhelmingly opposed to any military measures against Germany.

Poincare had made a demand for the occupation of the Ruhr as a guarantee for a German moratorium.

Meanwhile it is hoped that some guarantees may be found which will satisfy the French and at the same time make military action unnecessary.

It was stated in French circles that the adjournment was merely a maneuver to prevent an open break among the Allies, particularly between France and England, and that there was little likelihood of finding a common basis of agreement between England and France.

It was further pointed out that in spite of Premier Poincare's request to co-operate with the new British government, he has been largely influenced by the political situation at home to demand the occupation of the Ruhr.

SWITCH TROUBLE CAUSES DELAY

Power Off in City and Cars Delayed for Thirty Minutes Today.

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